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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- ☒ Submitted herewith is a Japanese Office Action with English translation for the Examiner's consideration. Also submitted is a PTO-1449 listing JP 51-316765 which corresponds to U.S. 4,035,117 which was filed on May 27, 2007 and JP 50-37877 which corresponds to U.S. 3,932,088 which was filed on May 27, 2007.
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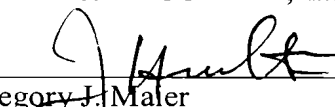
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